

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MONITORING AND ANALYZING SIGNALS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for monitoring and analyzing at least one signal are disclosed. An  
5 abstract of at least one reference signal is generated and stored in a reference database. An  
abstract of a query signal to be analyzed is then generated so that the abstract of the query signal  
can be compared to the abstracts stored in the reference database for a match. The method and  
system may optionally be used to record information about the query signals, the number of  
matches recorded, and other useful information about the query signals. Moreover, the method  
10 by which abstracts are generated can be programmable based upon selectable criteria. The  
system can also be programmed with error control software so as to avoid the re-occurrence of a  
query signal that matches more than one signal stored in the reference database.